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Foundation laid for War Memorial

MLA L. Nagendra, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham performing bhoomi puja for War Memorial in city this morning as In-Charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and others look on.

Mysuru, July 29 (MTY&DM)- At last, the 22-year-long wait for the construction of a War Memorial in city ended this morning with Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra laying the foundation stone for the Memorial at the NCC Parade Grounds adjacent to the Deputy Commissioner's Office here, in the absence of District Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said that he felt really happy for having laid the foundation stone for the War Memorial, in memory of martyred soldiers, at the land that falls under his Constituency. Noting that scores of soldiers across the country from the three wings of our Defence Forces have sacrificed their lives while defending, safeguarding and securing our country's borders, he said that it is something special that the War Memorial, estimated to cost Rs.1.41 crore, is coming up in Mysuru at a befitting venue.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath, who was also present, said it is a good development that the Memorial has come up in Mysuru.

(See WAR MEMORIAL on page 9)

Mock drill held to tackle chemical spill

Mysuru, July 29 (BCT)- More than 50 persons including women and children took ill as gas leaked from a chlorine cylinder installed at a park adjacent to Railway Loco Colony, opposite Vani Vilas Water Works on KRS Road in Yadavagiri on the evening of March 8 this year.

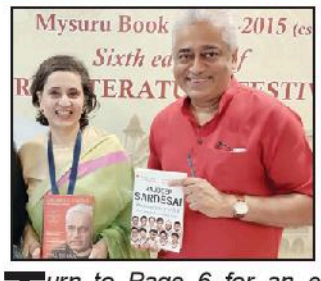
Though it was a minor incident, it was a horrifying experience for many including motorists as they experienced severe breathlessness and had to be hospitalised with oxygen masks. Some just sat on the road, unable to breathe. The incident was a wake-up call for the district authorities to be prepared for any such eventualities in the future.

In view of the widespread use of chemicals in factories, the Mysuru District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) organised a mock drill this morning to tackle a chemical emergency.

The drill, conducted in association with the Department of Factories, Boilers and Industrial Safety and the Department of Health, was organised at Kumbarakoppal of K.R. Nagar Taluk, to make people aware of how they should react in such conditions.

(See MOCK DRILL on page 9)

To Our Readers



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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 29th July 2022

Weekend concerts at Nadabrahma Sabha

Mysuru, July 29- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised the following concerts at its premises on JLB Road in city for this weekend:

July 30 (5.30 pm): Vocal concert by **Palakkad Ramprasad** from Chennai for Smt. Bhagirati & Kuskoor Krishnamurthy Memorial Concert sponsored by Kuskoor Bros & Sisters. He will be accompanied by **Dr. Nishanthchandra** on violin, **K.U. Jayachandra Rao** on mridanga and **G. Guruprasanna** on kanjira.

Palakkad Ramprasad: A Harvard alumnus, he is the grandson of mridanga maestro Palghat Mani Iyer and son of ace violinist T.R. Rajaram. He began performing at the age of eight and was catapulted into the top league when he performed at the Madras Music Academy in 2000.

Ramprasad

Rupasri

July 31 (6 pm): Vocal concert by **Rupasri Shankar** from Dallas for Smt. Kamalamma & Gopalakrishna Chetty Memorial Concert sponsored by A. Shankar Chetty & Sons, Mysuru. She will be accompanied by **Keshava Mohan Kumar** on violin, **Saishiva Lakshmi Keshava** on mridanga and **Shamith Gowda** on ghata.

Rupasri Shankar: A Karnatak vocalist from Dallas, Texas, she is a student of Dr. Deepa Srinivasan and Vani Ramamurthi. She has been in the field for almost 10 years.

Surabhi students to sing "Nottu swaras of Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar"

Mysuru, July 29- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira will be presenting a special programme on "Nottu swaras of Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar" on July 30 at 5.30 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar. All 37 Nottu swaras (a special variety of musical composition which resembles Western music) composed by Dikshitar in the raga Shankarabharanam will be sung in groups by about 70 students of Surabhi, directed by Vidu. Meera Manjunath, a senior disciple of Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar. Vidu. Raajalakshmi Shridhar (Retd. Programme Executive, AIR, Mysore) will be the guest of honour.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Modernisation and consumerism in India have caused high levels of automobile and industrial pollution, hence there should be a sincere effort to educate the public about the need to make choices that would reduce pollution. Governments on their part should execute number of measures, such as, improving transport and travel facilities to reduce the number of private vehicles on road, introducing green fuel and green vehicles that adhere to the latest global environmental norms, making the citizens aware and responsible for a cleaner world to live in and phasing out harmful technologies that are slowly killing our lifelines. Congested urban areas need to be decongested and rural areas developed to stop migration.

Experience shows that spirituality can play a vital role in environmental sustainability. Ancient scriptures have mentioned how in olden days all societies in Bharat supported their environment with lifestyles that were based on values like respect for nature, simplicity and harmony. Hence if we live simply and in harmony with our inner and outer nature it will create a sustainable world.

So, instead of flaunting bigger cars and consuming products that harm the environment, we can make choices that promote conservation of energy and a cleaner environment rather than chasing a life that is based on greed, competition and glamour. Doesn't it make sense ?

— Rajyogi Brahmakumar Nikunj in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man can't get job due to his childish appearance

Beijing: A 27-year-old man from Dongguan in China, has been having trouble finding a job because he looks more like a child than a man in his late 20s.

Saying that Mao Sheng looks a little young for his years would be a serious understatement. He claims to be 27, but everyone agrees that he doesn't look a day over 10. And while some would consider that a blessing, the young man from Dongguan claims it's a curse, because it prevents him from getting a job. Most employers don't believe he is as old as he claims to be and those who do say that, don't want authorities snooping around and accusing them of child labor because of his youthful looks.

Sheng's story touched the hearts of millions around China, many of whom accused employers for not giving him a chance because of his unusually youthful visage. Luckily, after he became famous online, plenty of entrepreneurs reached out and offered him jobs.

Chewing gum which can trap Coronavirus

Philadelphia: Researchers have claimed to have developed an experimental chewing gum that can trap SARS-CoV-2 particles in saliva, thus curbing transmission of the virus.

Researchers at the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania have been working on a special type of chewing gum that should minimize transmission and infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. According to a recent paper published in the Biomaterials Journal, the experimental gum contains copies of the ACE2 protein found on cell surfaces, which Coronavirus uses to break into cells and infect them. In test tube experiments, researchers found that virus particles of the Delta or Omicron variants attached themselves to the ACE2 'receptors' in the chewing gum, causing the viral load in the saliva to fall to undetectable levels.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Consultant – Interventional Cardiology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Music Concert to commemorate JC Wadiyar's birth anniversary

Vidu. Kanchana S. Sriranjani and Vidu. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani

Mysuru, July 29- Shruthimanjari Foundation, Mysuru, jointly with Rotary Mysore West, is organising a Karnatak Classical Music programme, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sri Jayachamaraja (JC) Wadiyar on July 30 at 6 pm, in the Rotary West auditorium in city.

The programme will be inaugurated by Rtn. Ullas Pandith, President, Rotary West, followed by a grand vocal recital by Kanchana Sisters (based on the kritis of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar).

They will be accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin and Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga.

Vidu. Kanchana S. Sriranjani and Vidu. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani, well-known as Kanchana Sisters, are among the most admired duet vocalists in Karnatak music fraternity. Their music career started at the age of three, as disciples of their father Vid. Subbarathnam. They have learnt Avadhana Pallavi under Dr. R.S. Nandakumar. The duo have performed on many platforms in India and abroad and have a large circle of admirers all over the world.

Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar

Vid. A. Radhesh

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- *The pyramids were once the tallest human-built structures.*
- *There are actually more than 100 pyramids in Egypt.*
- *Pyramid stones weighed more than an elephant.*
- *The pyramids are not completely solid.*
- *The pyramids were not built by slaves: The builders of the pyramids were not slaves, either Israelite or other. Current research, especially the discovery of records from the time, indicate workers were well-paid and well-fed. It also seems likely that the workforce, as well as food and other essentials, came from all across Egypt.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Count 1 to 10.*
Student: *1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10.*
Teacher: *Where is 6, you didn't count it?*
Student: *Today in the morning news, I heard that 6 died in a road accident !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 79.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.08
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VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to VV Puram Traffic Police

Sir,

Apropos the letter appearing in this column ***"Disaster waiting to happen?"*** (*Star of Mysore* dated July 19) and the photo news item ***"VV Puram Traffic Police avert disaster waiting to happen"*** (*Star of Mysore* dated July 20), kudos to VV Puram Traffic Police Inspector and his team for immediate action based on a letter appearing in this column.

Such competent, pro-public and pro-active Police personnel are definitely an asset to the Police Department. By taking an immediate action, the department has mitigated the woes faced by the motorists and the pedestrians using 2nd Main Road of Vontikoppal and also for the residents of this street.

Hats off to *Star of Mysore* for supporting and highlighting the social causes for the benefit of the general public.

—K. Chandrahas

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M. Shivakumar takes charge as Chairman of ZAK

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&DM)- A day after the Government announced his nomination, former City BJP President M. Shivakumar took charge as the new Chairman of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) at the Authority's Office in Mysuru Zoo here on Tuesday.

Speaking after assuming charge, Shivakumar, who is also a former MCC Corporator, said that he was thankful to the party leaders for his nomination as the ZAK Chairman.

Highlighting his priorities, Shivakumar said that he would strive for ensuring well-being of animals in all Zoos coming under ZAK, measures for attracting more number of domestic and international visitors and overall development and revenue augmentation of Zoos.

He further said that he would take the ZAK Members and Zoo officials and staff in formulating programmes for development.

MLA L. Nagendra, ZAK Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, Members Jyothi Rechanna and Gokul Govardhan, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni and others were present.

Raghu Kautilya takes charge as Mysore Paints & Varnish Chairman

Plans to expand production capacity by giving modern touch; to strengthen domestic market network for MPVL products

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&DM)- Senior BJP leader Raghu R. Kautilya took charge as the new Chairman of State-run Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL) at the factory office in new Bannimantap Extension here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Raghu Kautilya said that he is happy to be part of this prestigious industry, set up by the erstwhile Mysore ruler Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, at a time when the country is celebrating the 75th year of independence.

Pointing out that MPVL is the only company authorised for the manufacture of indelible ink in India that is used for elections and such other purposes, he said that the company has a rich history of good manufacturing and marketing practices.

Noting that as MPVL is a production based company, Raghu said he will strive for taking forward the Prime Minister's initiative of 'Make in India' campaign.

Maintaining that he has plans for expanding the production capacity by giving a modern touch for production and other operations, he said apart from manufacturing indelible ink, which is supplied to several countries across the globe, he will also focus on boosting production of Paints and Varnish and strengthen the domestic market network for all of MPVL's products.

MPVL Managing Director G. Kumaraswamy, General Manager C. Hara Kumar, Marketing Manager Appanna, Raghu Kautilya's children Varnika and Kautilya were present on the occasion.

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NEWS BRIEFS

AGM

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Vishwamanava Pattina Sahakara Sangha will be held at its premises on District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan Road, Vijayanagar First Stage in city on July 31 at 11 am. Sangha President Narasegowda will preside. For details, call on Ph: 0821-2500420.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-734,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by M. Shankarappa, Retd. Akashavani Announcer, at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on July 30 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795, Mob: 92435-81097.

Matrimonial meet

Sri Basaveshwara Vadhu-Varara Vivaha Vedike, Srirampura, Mysuru, will be conducting a matrimonial meet of prospective Veerashaiva-Lingayat brides and bridegrooms at Sri Vidyabharathi Kalyana Mantapa in city on Aug. 11 between 2 pm and 6 pm. Community brides and bridegrooms from Mysuru and surrounding districts can register at the Vedike Office before Aug. 10. [Mob: 99727-03737, 96862-05346].

Mass Upakarma

Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Mysuru, has organised mass Rig Upakarma for Trimatastha Brahmin community people at 'Kalyana Bhavan' on Tyagaraja Road in K.R. Mohalla here on Aug. 2 at 6.30 am and mass Yajur Upakarma on Aug. 11 at 6.30 am at the same venue. For registration, call Ph: 0821-2446498 before Aug. 1.

Rural students must get access to advanced technologies: Suttur Seer

Gundlupet, July 29- Maintaining that there is a lot of talent in rural areas too, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said that rural students should get access to advanced technologies and learning.

He was speaking after inaugurating Sri Siddaganga Shivakumara Swamiji Science and Robotics Lab, gifted by the fans of Housing Minister V. Somanna, who is also Chamarajanagar District in-Charge Minister, as part of the Minister's birthday celebration, at Government PU College in Begur of Gundlupet taluk on Tuesday.

Pointing out that the world is witnessing rapid scientific advancements, Sri Deshikendra Swamiji said that we are seeing a sea change in the field of Medicine and other key sectors. Pointing out that it is happy to note that a girl student from Deshipura village in the taluk secured 624 out of 625 marks in SSLC without attending tuitions, despite being less advantageous than her urban peer students, he said that the Lab will be a boon to students of the village and surrounding areas. This advanced Robotics Lab should be linked to the existing Labs in all other schools of the taluk and the district, he added.

Titular head of the erstwhile Mysore Royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, in his address, recalled the association between the Royal family and Chamarajanagar district. Pointing out that his ancestors lived in Hangala village of Gundlupet taluk, he said that they were the ones who built the famed Chamarajeshwara Temple at Chamarajanagar. Noting that India is a land of villages, Yaduveer stressed on the need for tapping and nurturing rural talent that is aplenty in the country.

Speaking after being felicitated on his birthday, Housing Minister V. Somanna announced that measures will be taken for setting up similar Robo Labs in Government Colleges across Chamarajanagar district. Recalling that Chamarajanagar district was carved out of Mysuru in 1997 when J.H. Patel was the Chief Minister, he said that the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the district will be celebrated in a meaningful manner.

Stating that a Rs. 400 crore action plan has been prepared under the guidance of Suttur Seer for feeding water to all lakes and other water bodies of the district, he said that the M.M. Hills Temple Authority and Chamarajanagar Government Medical College are symbols of development in the district.

Measures have been taken for all-round development of the district, Somanna said adding that steps will be taken for making Nanjangud-Gundlupet stretch of Bengaluru-Nilgiris Highway into a two-lane one for prevention of accidents.

Gundlupet MLA C.S. Niranjan Kumar too spoke. University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Karnataka Border Area Development Authority Chairman Dr. C. Somashekar, Chamarajanagar DC Charulatha Somal, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.N. Gayathri, SP T.P. Shivakumar, Additional SP Sundar Raj, DDPUE Nagamallesh, DDPI Manjunath, College Development Committee President Kamarahalli Srikantappa and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
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Yesterday	:	124.70 feet
Inflow	:	13,040 cusecs
Outflow	:	12,202 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,283.58 feet
Inflow	:	5,520 cusecs
Outflow	:	6,000 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,857.35 feet
Inflow	:	2,499 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,020 cusecs

MLA Ramdas holds meeting regarding supply of Kabini drinking water

Mysuru, July 29 (MTY&DM)- KR MLA S.A. Ramdas on Tuesday held a meeting with CESC officials at his office in Vidyaranyapuram, in order to find a long-lasting solution to problems concerning supply of Kabini drinking water to various localities of the city.

Speaking to press persons after the meeting, Ramdas said that Kabini drinking water project has been implemented to meet the drinking water needs of the residents of Mysuru, for which power is supplied from Mysuru and Jayapura feeder lines. But frequent power problems has been hampering pumping and distribution of water, which has resulted in severe water crisis in many MCC Wards, he said.

Pointing out that a project is being planned to find a permanent solution to frequent disruption of power supplies to pumping stations, Ramdas said that an action plan has been prepared regarding the time, quantum and force of water to be supplied in affected Wards. Measures are also being taken to supply water through water tanks in MCC Wards which are severely affected, he added.

Ramdas further said that he, along with the MCC Commissioner and other officials of the concerned Departments, would visit the Kabini drinking water project site for an inspection of pumping point and jackwell point and to get first hand information on the problems.

The MLA also said that all parks coming under KR Constituency will be linked with borewells so that there will be no dearth of water for their maintenance.

Stating that drinking water supplies may continue to be affected for a couple of days in some areas, Ramdas appealed the residents to co-operate.

Five wildlife smugglers arrested in Madikeri

Elephant tusks, endangered Indian star tortoises seized

Madikeri, July 29 (PS&BCT)- Two elephant tusks have been seized by the Crime Investigation Department (CID) Police Forest Cell at Madikeri yesterday. The tusks were in the possession of Mahadevaswamy, G. Guru and P. Hemanth Raj.

The accused were attempting to sell the tusks and the forest team raided their location, at a bus shelter near Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College based on a tip-off.

In another incident, also reported yesterday, two Indian star tortoises were seized from Suresh and Saravanan. They were attempting to sell the endangered tortoises at a bus shelter near Kannanda Padebeera Circle.

Indian star tortoises are endangered animals and they are illegally kept as pets, across homes as it is believed to bring good luck. It is also perceived to have medicinal value. Due to the extremely high demand for Indian star tortoises, they continue to be smuggled. Sub-Inspector C.U. Savi, Head Constables Shekar, Rajesh, Raghavendra, Yogesh, Mohan and Constable Manjunath were part of the raiding team.

Dentist commits suicide

M.P. Ravikumar

Mysuru, July 29 (GA&KS)- A 40-year-old dentist committed suicide by hanging self at his residence in J.P. Nagar here yesterday.

The deceased is Dr. M.P. Ravikumar, who had a Dental Clinic at Saraswathipuram.

Yesterday at about 11.30 am, the Dentist's parents left for a temple leaving Dr. Ravikumar at home. When they returned at about 1 pm and knocked the door, Dr. Ravikumar did not open the door and when they peeped through the window, they saw their son hanging in the veranda of the house.

According to Police sources, Dr. Ravikumar's wife and child were staying away from him since two years and depressed over this, he may have ended his life.

Vidyaranyapuram Police have registered a case.

Online fraud: Software Engineer cheated of Rs. 2.90 lakh

Mysuru, July 29- A software engineer, who wanted to buy a second hand car, has been cheated of Rs. 2.90 lakh. The person, who was cheated, is 34-year-old M. Manoj, a resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'H' Block in city.

Manoj, who wanted to buy a second hand car, was browsing through a second hand car dealer's website, where he got mobile phone numbers of two persons who wanted to sell their cars and called the phone numbers.

Meanwhile, one of the two persons, who contacted Manoj on WhatsApp, told him that he was working in the Army and asked Manoj to transfer Rs. 3,150 as charges for car transportation. Later, the person got Rs. 2.90 illegally transferred from Manoj's Bank account, thus cheating him.

A case has been registered at City's Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station.

Youth hacked to death

Ravi

Srirangapatna, July 29 - A 30-year-old man, accused of behaving indecently with a woman has been hacked to death by the woman's relative at Belagola village in the taluk on Wednesday night.

The deceased is Ravi (30), of Belagola village while the accused is 30-year-old Sharath, a tenant in Ravi's house.

Sharath is said to be a construction worker and Ravi was working as a supplier at a wine store in the village. It is learnt that Ravi had misbehaved with the woman, a relative of Sharath, which had angered him (Sharath).

On Wednesday night, Sharath, who went to the wine store called Ravi outside and when Ravi came out, Sharath attacked Ravi with a machete all of a sudden and hacked him to death, according to Police sources.

KRS Police, who have registered a case, have taken Sharath into custody and are investigating.

Leopard trapped in BEML premises

Mysuru, July 29 (MTY&KS)- A leopard which was spotted in BEML premises at Koorgalli since many days was finally trapped in a cage placed by the Forest Department in BEML premises yesterday morning.

The leopard, which was found roaming in BEML premises had created tension among the staff, who had informed the Forest officials about the leopard sighting.

Based on the information from BEML staff, the Forest Department staff had placed a cage to trap the big wild cat two days ago and the leopard, which came in search of food, got itself trapped in the cage in the early hours of yesterday.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) K. Surendra and staff, who arrived at BEML, shifted the cage with the leopard to Aranya Bhavan in Ashokapuram, where a medical examination was conducted and following instructions from senior officials, the leopard was released into K.Gudi Forest Range in Chamarajanagar yesterday evening.

Bike borne miscreants snatch gold chains in city

Mysuru, July 29- Bike borne miscreants have snatched two gold chains of an elderly woman at SBM Colony in Udayagiri on July 26.

The senior citizen, who lost her gold chains, is 69-year-old Lakshmi of SBM Colony. Lakshmi, who had gone to Ramadhama in Udayagiri, was on her way back to her home at about 7.30 pm, when two bike bore miscreants snatched her two gold chains weighing 45 and 20 grams respectively and sped away.

A case has been registered at Udayagiri Police Station.

Checking on roads: People remind Police about DG-IGP's order

Mysuru, July 29 (MK&KS)- Checking for traffic violations by the Traffic Police has turned out to be a headache to them as motorists have begun to argue by reminding the Cops about the DG-IGP's instruction.

"DG-IGP has instructed the Police not to stop vehicles for checking documents, why are you stopping us?" motorists were heard arguing with the Police.

Many motorists, who were stopped by Traffic Police for triple riding, not wearing helmets or fastening seat belts, have now begun to argue with Traffic Cops for stopping them by quoting the DG-IGP's instruction.

Meanwhile, a Police officer said that the motorists have misunderstood DG-IGP Praveen Sood's instruction. The DG-IGP has instructed not to stop vehicles just for the sake of checking documents, but has not instructed not to stop vehicles if they are found violating traffic rules.

When vehicle owners are found violating the rules such as helmetless riding, driving without fastening seat belts, triple riding, defective number plates and silencers, shrill horns, rash and negligent riding and driving, drunk driving etc., it is inevitable to stop them and conduct checking, the Police officer said.

In future, if motorists indulge in arguing with Traffic Police on duty, a case for obstructing a Government Servant from performing his duty will be registered against them and there is a provision to send such persons to jail too, he added.

Exclusive Interview with TV Journalist Sagarika Ghose

'Art of Disagreement is key to Democracy'

Sagarika Ghose is a well-known face in TV journalism and she is also an author. She was in Mysuru recently for the Mysuru Literature Festival where she spoke at length about her latest book *'Atal Bihari Vajpayee'* regaling the packed auditorium with interesting anecdotes from the biography. *Star of Mysore* spoke to her. Excerpts:

By Sujata Rajpal

Star of Mysore (SOM): What are the salient features of your biography 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee' and what made you write about a man who was a bundle of contradictions?

Sagarika Ghose: The story of Atal Bihari Vajpayee is the story of an independent India. He began his Parliament journey in 1957 and half a century later in 2004 he was still a Parliamentarian. He is credited with creating an Opposition party to challenge the hugely popular Congress party dominated by Nehru and Indira.

Today, we have the BJP in power but during Vajpayee's times, there was another BJP party which was a lot different.

When I was approached by the publisher to write his biography, I wondered if I would be able to do justice to a personality whose ideologies, I don't particularly agree with but when I started the research on Atal Bihari Vajpayee, his character drew me in.

He was unique in many ways; he rejected polarisation and believed in the power of dialogue. **The biggest takeaway from this book is — Friendship, love, sympathy and empathy can coexist along with disagreement. We can learn the art of disagreement from him which is not just the key to democracy but the need of the hour.**

SOM: Which characteristics of Atal Bihari Vajpayee written by you in your biography make him unique?

Sagarika: Most of us are labelled. It is the task of the biographer to ram through the label war and find out the real person. As a biographer of this book, I took this creative journey to find the real Vajpayee. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was unusual and multidimensional in many ways. He was a *Zinda Dil Insaan* (good-humoured personality) and used humour to make a point with his party members and also with the Opposition which was refreshing.

He never hid anything about his personal life. He was in love with a married woman and lived with her. Once a journalist at a press conference asked him about his relationship with Mrs. Kaul. First there was a silence and then he spoke in his typical good humourly manner, *'Kashmir jaisa maamlahai* (it's a lot like the Kashmir issue).'

The biography is full of such light-hearted anecdotes which display the humorous persona of the former Prime Minister. In fact, there are so many jokes which he cracked on various occasions which can be compiled in a book.

SOM: How was his relationship with the RSS?

Sagarika: His father was against him joining RSS, but he defied his father and joined the organisation. He was an orator par excellence and was spotted by Shyama Prasad Mukherjee who brought him into politics to create Opposition in Parliament. In 1957, when he came into politics as a first-time Parliamentarian, he was an RSS man to begin with but as he proceeded on his political journey, his RSS values became subordinate to his politics. His RSS upbringing evolved over time and shaped his political career.

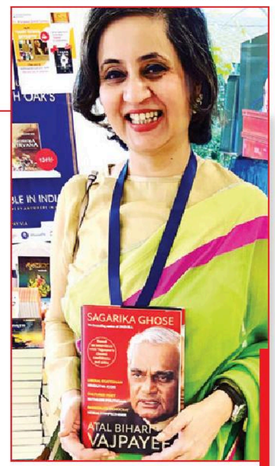
He challenged Congress and won with a thumping majority from Constituencies across the country. Though he was challenging RSS as a politician, he was never disloyal to the organisation. He was through and through a Parliamentarian.

Sagarika Ghose, apart from the latest *'Atal Bihari Vajpayee'* has authored four books, two in fiction — *The Gin Drinkers* and *Blind Faith*. Her non-fiction books are — *Indira: India's Most Powerful Prime Minister* and *Why I Am a Liberal: A Manifesto for Indians Who Believe in Individual Freedom).*

SOM: What is the writing process you follow?

Sagarika: Writing is an addiction for me. I wrote five books while still in a day job, and now I'm working on the sixth. Currently, I'm researching for my next book which is a biography. I am a disciplined writer and write for 6-8 hours on most days. I also speed-write. I believe in bringing the first draft out first. The actual writing begins after that. Quite like the Nike ad — Just do it.

Get to your laptop and start writing. My mantra is to wake up early, and work on my book. I love to stay inside my book cave and don't want to come out of it.



Afternoon is again some writing and reading. I am a voracious reader. I write a fortnightly column for *TOI* so I do have a deadline but not the daily deadline which is bliss. I've done enough of that and now I'm enjoying this phase of life which is slow and mainly involves reading and writing books.

SOM: You have not followed in the footsteps of your illustrious father; was it a conscious choice?

Sagarika: My father (Bhaskar Ghose, former Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Director General of Doordarshan) discouraged me from taking up civil services as he said, the civil services had changed beyond recognition. In today's times, political pressure doesn't allow bureaucrats to function independently.

Coincidentally, my children too haven't taken to my profession. I actively discouraged them to pursue journalism whereas Rajdeep was neutral. Our son Ishan was good in Biology, so the medical profession was a natural choice, and daughter Tarini is a lawyer. She was moved by the Arushi Talwar case and decided to pursue law.

SOM: In times of social media which is completely unorganised, how does one distinguish between fake & real news?

Sagarika: It's extremely challenging to separate wheat from the chaff. We can't expect governments to do it as they are obviously biased. It has to be done only by us journalists.

I'm a fan of slow journalism. Three decades ago, when we started working, journalism was different. The news item travelled from raw reporter to desk, to the news editor, to the deputy editor before it was published in the newspaper. It had to pass through layers of verification before it reached the reader, but these days journalism is a lot different. Everything has to happen quickly giving the journalists no time to verify the news which could malign someone's reputation. It is all about TRPs and who puts the news first.

SOM: Do women journalists have it tougher compared to men?

Sagarika: It has been a rewarding journey for me. I had the good fortune of working under supportive bosses like Dileep Padgaonkar and Vinod Mehta who made it possible for me to balance work and life. I also had support from my mother and mother-in-law. Unlike their male counterparts, women journalists have to balance both work and home. Not only that, women journalists are trolled more and face more threats than men. Maybe because people can't see women in high positions.

Love & Journalism

Power couple of TV news

Rajdeep Sardesai and Sagarika Ghose, the well-known journalist couple, were panellists in Mysuru Literature Festival. Sagarika Ghose was part of the panel titled *Yes Prime Minister* where she spoke about her latest book *'Atal Biluri Vajpayee'* and Rajdeep Sardesai spoke about his book *'Democracy's 11 - The Great Indian Cricket Story.'* On behalf of *Star of Mysore,* Sujata Rajpal spoke to them. Excerpts:

Star of Mysore (SOM): How did your love story begin?

Sagarika Ghose and Rajdeep Sardesai: We first met in Jamshedpur in August 1986 for the Rhodes Scholarship interview. I (Sagarika) was from St. Stephen's College, Delhi and Rajdeep was from St. Xavier's, Bombay. I got the scholarship but he didn't. (Rajdeep adds: I've never forgiven her for that. So, I got both by marrying the girl with the scholarship). Rhodes or no Rhodes, we met in Oxford. I was there on Rhodes and he on a Commonwealth Scholarship. But we didn't get to meet each other often as he used to be with his sporty gang and I with intellectual women.

Rajdeep returned to India early and joined *Times of India,* Bombay. I returned later and joined *Times of India,* Delhi. It was a coincidence and serendipity that we worked for the same organisation in different cities.

In 1990s, there used to be a hotline between Delhi and Bombay *TOI* and we would talk on this hotline. In office, we were called the hotline couple. (Rajdeep adds: Two factors brought us closer — firstly, at work, both of us were the only ones in the same age group as the rest of our classmates had left for America to pursue greener pastures. Secondly, in 1991-93 there were many hot issues such as Mandal Commission on which I wrote strong pieces. She was floored by my intellectual calibre. We tied the knot in 1994, and the love story continues.)

SOM: How's your experience working together? And what is your advice for married couples who work in the same organisation?

Sagarika and Rajdeep: We worked together from 2005-2014 when he started his own venture, CNN-IBN, and he needed a team of trusted journalists. Since it was his start-up, it made sense to have both of us work together. We spent a lot of time together at work and made sure not to discuss anything work related at home. We did have our professional differences which we would sort it out quickly. The tensions flared up as quickly as they subsided. It was fantastic working together; we were sounding board to each other and were/are each other's strength. Rajdeep is the first person to read my manuscript.

Rajdeep adds: While working in *Times of India,* I was fortunate to have shared a cabin next to R.K. Laxman. Every morning I would spend an hour with him. He always used to say, journalists have bloated egos and tattered minds. Because CNN-IBN was a legacy and my own, we decided to work together. Otherwise, it's not advisable for married couples to work in the same organisation, especially true in our industry as there is a competitive edge to it. Professional jealousies are likely to turn into personal differences.

SOM: What is a typical day in your life?

Rajdeep: My day doesn't start very early as I work till late. In the mornings I laze around, read newspapers and plan about what's going to be on the channel in the evening, I leave for work around 6.30 pm and work till 10.30. I'm dead tired when I return and just crash.

I write a fortnightly column but for writing a book, I would have to take time off. Currently, TV is grabbing me. It's difficult to balance writing and TV as it is taxing on both mind and body. TV is like running on a treadmill and you can't get off. I love my job, it's like a drug, an addiction so one just goes on.

Writing a book needs discipline. Unlike Sagarika, I am not very disciplined. Currently, I'm immensely enjoying TV but one day I would want to devote more time to writing books but that looks like a distant dream. I would love to write a thriller, a murder mystery, perhaps. Hopefully, it will happen.

Acclaimed journalists Rajdeep Sardesai and Sagarika Ghose on their wedding day 11.4.1994. *Picture right:* ***Recent photo of the couple.*** *[Pic. courtesy: Internet]*

FESTINIVA, fashion and lifestyle expo on July 30, 31

On the auspicious Shravana Maasa, the shopping lovers are lured to visit 'FESTINIVA,' a luxury, fashion and lifestyle exhibition, to be held at Wind Chimes, Vasanth Mahal Road in Nazarbad, on July 30 and 31 for both festival and wedding outfits and casuals.

At this exhibition specially curated with care, NC Santhanam Silk Saree from Kanchipuram will be displaying their Kanchi silks, brocades, uppadas and tissues; Riti Creations with organic Vasaspathi dyes Pichwai designer duppattas & suits; Pathi Silks with wide range of beautiful designer silks; Shreedha Sarees with assorted hand weaves; Riddhi with hand-painted Madhubani Tussars; De wardrobe & Dezires with indo-western casuals & Katche dothis in different styles and Tina Eapen Collective with hand-painted salwars and sarees, all from Bengaluru.

Shibori from Mura Collective Textiles Delhi is bringing sarees, tunics & salwar suits; Bottega Pereira with liveable & modern home furnishings from Chennai; Sri Devi Handlooms from Hyderabad with Kalamkaris and Ikkats.

From up North, Nasruddin Doria Ventures with exclusive hand-woven Kota sarees from Kota, Rajasthan; From East, "Saaha" will showcase their sustainable clothing and hand-woven cottons; Designer Itu Upadhyaya from Calcutta with elegant hand-painted blouses, Kaftans and exclusive wears; The She Boutique with hair accessories and Adya sarees from Coimbatore will be awaiting to showcase their best productions.

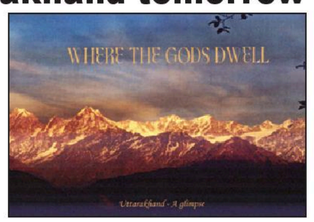
Our own Mysuru designers, Rutu Creations exclusive chudidar suits, Ethereal Fashions with a choice of different weaves and True Elegance with Chanderis & Work Wear, Something from Somewhere has exclusive imported home decor and elegant chikankari suits.

Wedging Hands Ceramics with hand-crafted Garden Accessories; Green Planet with an array of plants to create more green spaces. Simple Soul is Mysuru's largest home-grown online organic store. They bring to you a wide range of locally sourced & certified organic produce, eco-friendly home care & chemical free skin care products.

Apart from these, Parampare Coffee from Bengaluru, Gol Cha with assorted beverages, Sapa Bakery from Mysuru will present their delicious signature snacks and beverages.

This two-day exhibition (10 am to 8.30 pm) is all set to make you and your living aesthetic, say the Organisers, who can be contacted on Mob: 98447-72225.

Dr. Shenoy to release book on Uttarakhand tomorrow



Mysuru, July 29 (SSM) - *'Where the Gods Dwell,'* a book on Uttarakhand brought out by Desirazu Associates Lalitha Rao Charitable Trust (DALRCT), Mysuru, will be released at a function to be held at Hotel Rio Meridian in city on July 30 at 5.30 pm.

Philanthropist and industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy will release the book. Rajwad Bhanu Raj Singh Pal, the King of Askote, Uttarakhand, will be the guest of honour and receive the first copy of the book. DALRCT Managing Trustee D.S. Ramakrishna Rao will be present.

A tea table book on Pithoragarh, a photo documentation about the wonders of the lesser known places of Kumaon, its natural splendour, unique architectural heritage, divine and spiritual aura, culture and warmth of the wonderful hill people brought out by Desirazu Associates, Yadavagiri, will be kept for sale at the venue. A part of the funds raised through the sale of the book will be used for the welfare of Uttarakhand women.

There will also be an expo-cum-sale of books, organic food products and craft items from Uttarakhand. For details, call Ph: 0821-2416542 or Mob: 97406-46542.

Will Karnataka pip Madhya Pradesh to be Tiger State?

Till July 15, 2022, 74 tigers die in India; 27 in MP, 11 in Karnataka

Mysuru, July 29 (MTY, Akshay & BCT)- Will Karnataka regain its top spot among tiger States, surpassing Madhya Pradesh? The report of the four-yearly tiger census is expected to be released in New Delhi today, as July 29 is Global Tiger Day.

National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) sources told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the tiger census report will be released only on Monday, Aug. 1 and meetings are underway at the headquarters in this regard. This year too, there is competition between Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

India accounts for the majority of the 3,900-odd tigers that are scattered among Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Russian Federation, Thailand and Vietnam. According to the all-India tiger estimation - 2018 (Status of Tigers, Co-predators and Prey in India), India has 2,967 tigers, accounting for 80 percent big cat population.

In the 2018 report, Madhya Pradesh topped the data with 526 tigers and Karnataka trailed behind with 524 tigers. Uttarakhand was placed third with 442 tigers. The total count of tigers rose to 2,967 from 2,226 in 2014 — an increase of 741 individuals (aged more than one year), or 33 percent in four years.

Forest officials said that in Karnataka, there is an increase in the tiger population by 5-10 percent. The last census used camera traps and officials are expecting Karnataka to overtake Madhya Pradesh this time. While MP has a larger area, the tiger population density in Karnataka is higher and this might tilt the balance in favour of Karnataka, officials said.

A tiger at Dammanakatte Range of the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve clicked on July 19. (Pic. by Murali H.D. Kote)

High tiger fatalities in MP

Notably, Madhya Pradesh earned the dubious distinction of recording 27 tiger deaths in 2022, the highest in the country. Till July 15 this year, of the total number of 74 tiger deaths registered in the country, MP alone accounted for 27 of them, the data published by the NTCA on its website has revealed. Karnataka comes next with 11 fatalities.

Fears are being expressed in various quarters that due to a large number of tiger deaths, MP will lose the coveted status that it won from Karnataka in 2018. Officials said that conservation initiatives like the least human intervention in their prey and breeding areas could culminate into something good for Karnataka.

The 12,000 sq km Nilgiri Biosphere connecting Mudhumalai, Wayanad, Bandipur and Nagarahole houses the highest tiger population. The Bandipur Tiger Reserve with an area of 1,020 sq km has the highest concentration of tigers and it may record 170 to 200 tigers in the 2022 census, said officials.

The Nagarahole Tiger Reserve which has an area of 843 sq km including 200 sq km buffer forest area is likely to account for an 8 to 10 percent increase from the 2018 number of 125 tigers. This time, several mothers and cubs were spotted at Antharasanthe Range and Kabini.

Extended report of 2018

The extended report of the 2018 tiger headcount says there are 173 tigers in Bandipur and 164 in Nagarahole, a remarkable increase from the 2018 census. 446 big cats have been spotted in the Old Mysuru region in the extended report while 363 big cats were tracked in 2018.

In addition, the Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger Reserve (BRT) and Male Mahadeshwara Hills Tiger Reserve in Chamarajanagar districts will also add to the tiger population of Karnataka. In the extended report of the 2018 census, BRT has 86 tigers and the MM Hills Tiger Reserve has 23 big cats. In 2018, 55-65 felines were spotted at BRT while 23 big cats were spotted in 2018.

Pratibha Puraskar for Pourakarmika children in August: M. Shivanna

Mysuru, July 29 (GA&DM)- The Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission has decided to present Pratibha Puraskar to meritorious children of Pourakarmikas serving in MCC and other Government departments, in the month of August. A preliminary meeting in this regard was held at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur road yesterday, which was chaired by Commission Chairman M. Shivanna.

Shivanna

Addressing the meeting, Shivanna said that the Commission has planned to conduct Pratibha Puraskar in all districts and as a first step in this regard, the event will be held in Mysuru in August. Asking the MCC, Social Welfare Department and other concerned departments to make necessary arrangements, he directed the officials to prepare a list of meritorious children of Pourakarmikas who have scored high marks in SSLC and PUC.

Continuing, Shivanna said that the script for a special play highlighting the life of a Pourakarmika is getting ready and added that it has been planned to perform this play at all District headquarters of the State.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Deputy Commissioner Roopa and other officials were present.

Inauguration of Sahara School for Children with Special Needs

Mysuru, July 29- Sahara School for Children with Special Needs will be inaugurated tomorrow (July 30) at 5 pm at No. 200, 2nd Cross, 2nd Stage, Opposite Tipu Park in Udayagiri.

This special school is a Project by Minhaj Interfaith and Welfare Foundation (MIWF). Rafeeq Ahmed Khan, President, MIWF & Central Executive Council Member of Minhaj-ul-Quran International (MQI) India; Zubair Ansari, Central Executive Council Member of MQI & President, MIWF, Maharashtra; Ayub Ansari, Central Executive Council Member of MQI & General Secretary, MIWF, Karnataka; Syed Faraz Muhiuddin, Central Executive Member of MQI & State President of MQI, Karnataka; Tanveer Sait, MLA, Narasimharaja Constituency; Ayub Khan, ex-Mayor, Mysuru; R. Malini, District Disability Welfare Officer, Mysuru; Prof. V. Jagannatha, former Scientist Engineer, ISRO, Bengaluru & Co-ordinator, People Science Forum, KRVP, Mysuru; J. Govindaraju, District President, Karnataka State Government Employees Association, Mysuru; P.K. Rajiv, Inspector, Udayagiri Police Station; C.N. Sunil, Sub-Inspector, Udayagiri Police Station; Afroz Khan, Congress Minority, Block President & Social Worker; Dr. Mehboob Khan of K.R. Nagar and Venugopal, State President, Sarvajananga Hitarakshana Vedike will be the chief guests.

For details contact Mob: 85537-85549 or 98805-48731.

Majlees-e-Zikra Shadath Hussain celebrations from July 30

Mysuru, July 29 (KS)- Majlees-e-Zikra Shadath-e-Hussain is being held as part of Moharam in city from July 30 to Aug. 8 and lectures have been organised at various mosques across the city, which are as follows:

After Namaz-e-Fajr: Masjid Ya Rasool Allaha in Rajivnagar 1st Stage, Masjid Raza in Ghousianagar, Madina Masjid at Muslim Block in Kyathamaranahalli, Masjid Rehamaniya at M.G. Kareem Block in Shanthinagar, Masjid-e-Mushayikeen at Char Chowki in Rajivnagar, Mahamoodiya Masjid in Shanthinagar and others.

After Namaz-e-Maghrib: Masjid Bismilla at Bharath Nagar; Masjid Hazarath Shaik Abdul Khadar Jeelani at Sri Nagar, Masjid Khairulwara, at Rajivnagar 2nd stage, Masjid Zeenath-ul-Masjeed on 100 feet Road, Masjid Munawara at R.S.Naidu Nagar, Masjid Jyothinagar at Jyothinagar, Masjid Moula Ali at Ghousianagar, Masjid Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road, Masjid Hali Meamoon at Shivarampet, Masjid Hazarath Ameer Hamza at Shanthinagar, Masjid Aqsa near Fountain Circle in N.R.Mohalla, Masjid Hazarath Khawja Gharibun Nawaz at Nehru Nagar, Masjid-e-Ala Hazarath at Rajivnagar; Masjid-e-Moula Hussain at Sathyanagar, Masjid Khatoon-e-Janath at Kesare, Masjid-e-Kubra & Husnain at B.M.Sri Nagar, Masjid-e-Rehamaniya near Silk Factory in Mysore South and others.

After Namaz-e-Isha: Masjid-e-Syed Ahmed in Rajivnagar, Masjid Ya Rub at Kalyanagiri, Masjid Noor at Ghousianagar, Masjid Mahamadiya at Shantinagar, Masjid Mecca near Bawa Medical Store in Rajivnagar, Masjid Showda-ul-Badar (one Minarate) at Shanthinagar, Jamiya Masjid on Irwin Road, Masjid Azam on Ashoka Road, Jamiya Masjid Darul Uloom Azeezia at Mamballi, Jamiya Tippu Masjid Ala at Srirangapatna, Madrasa Faizul Quran in Mandi Mohalla, Darga Shariff Hazarath Char Baras Key Peer at Bada Makan near Tippu Circle, Masjid-e-Ya-Mustafa at Udayagiri and Darga-e-Masjid on Sawday Road. For details, contact Mob: 99012-70392.

Cauvery Merit Scholarship Exam

Mysuru, July 29- Cauvery Group of Institutions, KBL Layout, Mysuru, under Dr. Chandrashekar Foundation, is conducting Cauvery Merit Scholarship Exam to help meritorious students and students from economically weaker sections of Karnataka.

Students who desire to join Health Care Professional courses in Cauvery Group of Institutions to study Bachelor in Pharmacy (B Pharm), Diploma in Pharmacy (D Pharm), Bachelor in Physiotherapy (BPT), Masters in Physiotherapy (MPT), and many UG & PG Courses in Allied Health Sciences can apply. Successful candidates will be awarded Merit Scholarships.

The Scholarship Entrance exam will be held on July 30 at 11 am (Reporting time 10 am). The duration is 60 minutes; Subjects - Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology (15 questions in each subject).The entrance exam is similar to CET.

Last date for enrollment is July 29. Candidates may send e-mail to: *foecauveryinstitute@gmail.com* or contact Mob: 96596-56006 or 93412-23427.

Foundation laid for War Memorial

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Observing that it is the responsibility of everyone to honour all those who sacrificed their lives while defending the country, MLA Manjunath wished that the works on War Memorial completely gets over within the stipulated time.

Senior KAS Officer C.L. Ananda, Patel Puttamadaiah, owner of the stone quarry at Chamarajanagar who donated granite stones for free, A. Srinath of Chamarajanagar's SVV Granites, who cut into shape the granite stones and transported them to the War Memorial site for free, Veteran Sergeant of Indian Air Force Mandetira N. Subramani, Lt. Col.(Rtd.) Vijaykumar and Maj. Gen.(Rtd.) K.K. Murthy were felicitated on the occasion.

Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) S.G. Vombatkere, Maj.Gen. (Rtd.) C.K. Karumbaya, who earlier served as Chairman of War Memorial Trust and Madhukar of Hindustan Groups, who supplied jelly stones to the Memorial construction for free, will be honoured at their respective homes soon.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, also an Ex-serviceman, In-charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, City Police Commissioner Dr.Chandragupta, NCC Group Commander Col. Rakesh Menon, Air Commodore (Rtd) P. Saravanan and a number of Ex-servicemen from Mysuru, Kodagu, Mandya and Chamarajangar districts were in attendance.

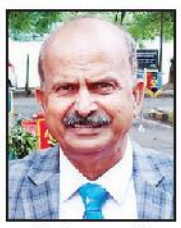
Earlier, priests from Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Sikh religions offered prayers at the site.

The War Memorial to be built in a square shape, will be 43 ft.tall, including the 10ft. foundation, with a 5ft. high Saranath Ashoka Emblem on all four sides. The main entrance depicts the symbols of the three wings of the Defence Forces — Army, Navy and Air Force, while three sides of the Memorial will have the insignia of the Armed Forces.

New KEA Chairman greeted

Senior BJP leader from K.R. Nagar M.K. Srinivas (Mirle Srinivas Gowda), who took charge as Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) this morning, being greeted by MLC A.H. Vishwanath and former Chairman of Mysuru Paints and Varnish Ltd. N.V. Phaneesh with a bouquet as others look on.

A befitting honour for our war heroes



Subramani

Ananda

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mandetira N. Subramani, President of VeKare Ex-servciemen Trust, who played a key role in the construction of the Memorial, said that he had submitted a proposal to the State Government in the year 2000 and as well to the District Administration.

Pointing out that the then DC Basavaraju had promised land for the construction of the Memorial, that was to be built in honour of martyred soldiers, he said that he was extremely delighted that the project has seen the light of the day after 22 years of wait. The Memorial is indeed a befitting honour for our war heroes, he added.

Senior KAS officer C.L. Ananda, himself an Ex-serviceman and currently serving as BDA Secretary at Bengaluru, said that the Memorial will be entirely a concrete structure. Recalling his sustained efforts for the construction of the Memorial when he served as Assistant Commissioner at Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Additional DC, he said that the Memorial will be an educative and informative centre on our Armed Forces

Mock drill held to tackle chemical spill

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The mock drill was conducted under the leadership of Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy and involved stakeholders from the Fire and Emergency Services Department, the Police and Revenue Departments.

The mock drill was mainly aimed at creating awareness among people as well as the officers as to how the personnel are always on their toes to tackle such a situation. Demonstrations on prevention and self-protection measures in the event of a chemical emergency were also showcased.

The drill also demonstrated skills and techniques to rescue people in case of a chemical spill. A dummy gas tanker was set on fire and exercises were performed to rescue people and shift them to hospitals for emergency medical care.

Fire tenders sounding the siren rushed to the spot creating the impression among the people that some major accident had occurred. People were evacuated from the spot of 'disaster' even as the possibility of a chemical disaster due to leakage of gas was being announced through loudspeakers.

Over 8 ambulances were pressed into service along with fire tenders. The mock drill was to find out how much time it takes for the stakeholders and members of DDMA to reach a particular site in case of an emergency. Over 30 personnel were involved in the drill which was watched by over 300 villagers and the public.

K.R. Nagar Tahsildar Santosh, Fire Officer Jayaramaiah, Assistant Director of Information Department T.K. Harish Kumar, Taluk Health Officer Mahendrappa, Inspector Lava and others were present.

Mayor inaugurates Designer Haat-2022

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra inaugurated Designer Haat-2022, a Lifestyle exhibition organised by Abeer Creation & Grand Flea Market on the occasion of Varamahalakshmi festival at Southern Star Hotel in city this morning. The expo will be open to visitors from 10 am to 9.30 pm till July 31.

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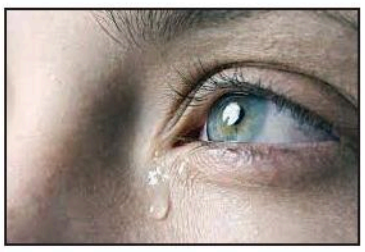
WORD OF THE DAY

Pathos



Pronunciation: PAY-thahss.
Meaning: Pathos refers to some element of an experience or of an artistic representation that evokes compassion or pity. The word also refers to a feeling of sympathetic pity.
Origin: The Greek word páthos means "experience, misfortune, emotion, condition," and comes from Greek path-, meaning "experience, undergo, suffer." In English, pathos usually refers to the element in an experience or in an artistic work that makes us feel compassion, pity, or sympathy. The word is a member of a big family: empathy is the ability to share someone else's feelings. Pathetic (in its gentlest uses) describes things that move us to pity. Though pathology is not literally "the study of suffering," it is "the study of diseases." Other relatives of pathos include sympathy, apathy, and antipathy.
Example: "It's all in good fun, though. This is Maverick's movie, as title declares. As a character study of an iconic hero, Cruise & Kosinski do fine work, plumbing pathos & power out of a mythic One Last Flight." —Eric Webb

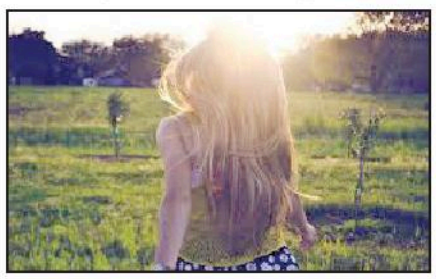
THE ODD WORD

Pallasethesia

Sense of vibration.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Pull yourself together



Meaning: The phrase 'Pull yourself together' means to get control of your emotions and actions.
Origin: The origin of the idiom 'pull yourself together' isn't known for certain. What is known is that its meaning is closely related to that of another popular idiom, 'mind over matter.' 'Mind over matter' is a very old idiom – it was used in 70 BCE by the poet Virgil, in his poem The Aeneid.
Example: "He's finding it hard to pull himself together after the accident."

QUOTE BOX

Every man should pull a boat over a mountain once in his life.

—Werner Herzog

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FI$$$T

Answer: Fistful of dollars.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Distressing situation
6 Bollywood's ___ Kumar
10 Close by
11 U.S. Security org.
12 Restrict or hamper
14 With it
16 Ovid's 1,554
17 Standard in short?
19 Pronounce or state
21 "Rockaria!" band
22 Source of inspiration
23 Endorse
25 Closer
27 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
28 Mongrel
29 Sharp steel instruments
32 Tint, hue, or shade
35 New Mexico town
36 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
38 Chapter of the Koran
39 Motel kin
40 Makes sudden snatch at
42 Eye glasses: Pince ___
43 Beset by problems
45 Don't lose
46 A small toboggan
47 Expecting or having faith
48 Wears away

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	I	S	K	■	C	A	M	■	R	S	V	P
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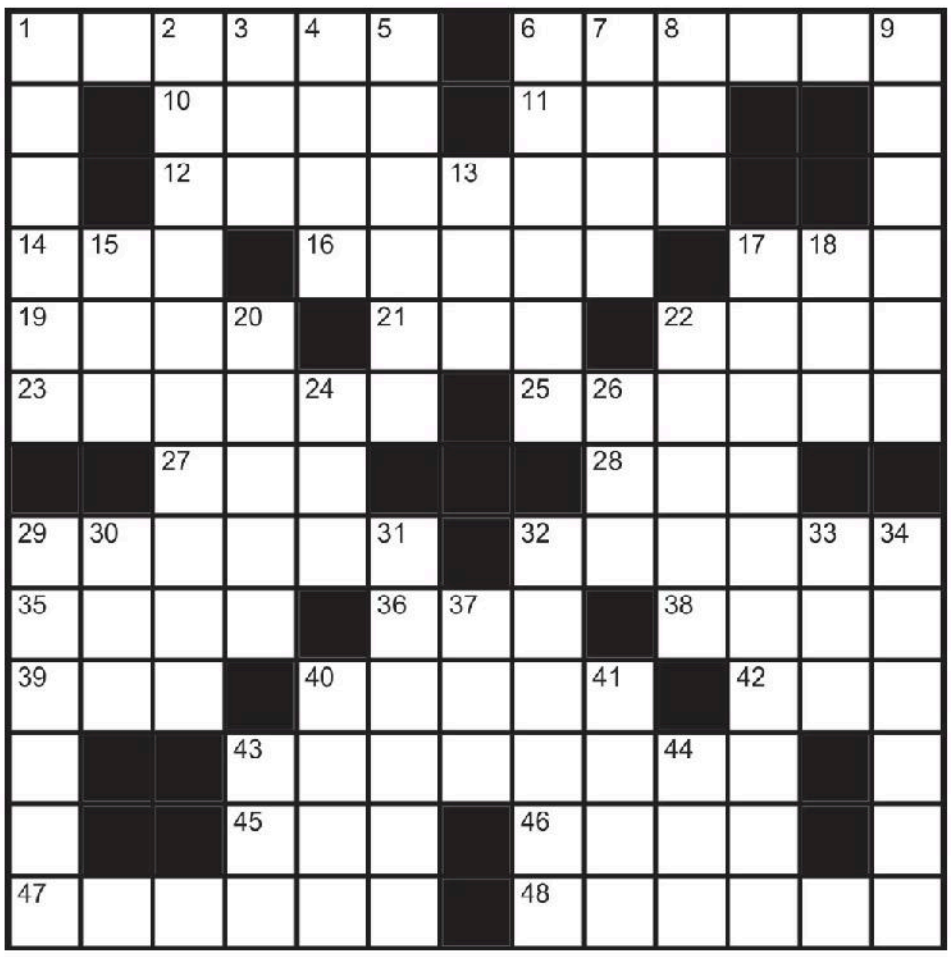
W	I	R	Y	■	S	R	O	■	I	S	P	Y

DOWN

1 Titles for Turkish governors
2 Scrutiny; examination
3 Acquire or receive
4 Damage
5 Bought and sold
6 Director's word
7 Capital of Ukraine
8 Sir or master or sahib in Japan
9 Over there
13 It's an ___ wind that blows nobody good?
15 Evening before
17 Encompassed or enclosed
18 Mao ___ Tung
20 Stones or boulders
22 Manhandles
24 Not
26 Prefix meaning "nature"
29 Sew together
30 Fryer
31 Malay skirt
32 Patch
33 Abstract noun suffix
34 Sharp cutting instruments
37 Cross shape letter of Greek alphabet
40 Beam or smile; chuckle
41 Aspersion
43 Two as a prefix?
44 The Latin for 'i'



SUDOKU

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		1		4		3		
5	7						8	3
	8		4		1		2	
1	2						6	5
		7		9		6		
			6	3	5			
	6						3	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	1	4	3	2	9	8	6	5
3	6	2	4	8	5	7	1	9
5	8	9	1	6	7	2	4	3
1	5	3	2	7	6	9	8	4
8	2	7	5	9	4	1	3	6
4	9	6	8	3	1	5	7	2
6	3	1	7	5	2	4	9	8
2	7	8	9	4	3	6	5	1
9	4	5	6	1	8	3	2	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QN RMT JMS'V FQIE BSRVDQSA

RMT FQIE ZHZS KMFZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The position of the artist is humble. He is essentially a channel.

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Vikrant Rona (3D-K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 10 pm
	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Vikrant Rona (2D-K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Vikrant Rona (2D-H)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Ramarao On Duty (Te)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 6.55 pm
The Legend (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Ek Villain Returns (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.30 pm 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Gulu Gulu (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm

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Vikrant Rona (2D-K)	(S-2)	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	10.10 am
Ek Villain Returns (H)	(S-2)	9.30 am
	(S-3)	2.05 pm, 4.50 pm 7.35 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Ramarao On Duty (Te)	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 10.10 pm
Gulu Gulu (Ta)	(S-4)	7.05 pm

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Vikrant Rona (H-2D)	:	9.35 am, 12.45 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Vikrant Rona (K-2D)	:	9.40 am, 12.50 pm, 3.55 pm 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Ramarao On Duty (Te)	:	9.10 am, 12.25 pm 7.00 pm, 10.15 pm
Ek Villain Returns (H)	:	10.05 am, 12.55 pm, 4.00 pm 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Shamshera (H)	:	3.40 pm
Gulu Gulu (Ta)	:	3.45 pm

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Vikrant Rona (K-2D)	:	10.10 am, 12.20 pm 6.20 pm, 9:30 pm
Ek Villain Returns (H)	:	9.30 am, 1.20 pm 3.30 pm, 7.25 pm
Ramarao On Duty (Te)	:	4.10 pm, 10.15 pm

Concerts at Mysore Vasudevacharya's House in city tomorrow

Mysuru, July 29- Sri Mysore Vasudevacharya's house, which is fast turning out to be a centre of attraction for the musicians visiting the city, will be hosting two concerts tomorrow (July 30)

The first concert, scheduled for two hours between 10 am and 12 noon, will be presented on Veena by **Dr. R.S. Jayalakshmi** and **Charulatha Chandrasekhar** from Chennai. **Vid. P.S. Sridhar** will accompany these artistes on mridanga.

Dr. Jayalakshmi, who had her veena training from Vid. R. Parthasarathi and Vid. R. Pichumani, is a Professor at Madras University and has been teaching music for over 30 years. Charulatha Chandrashekhar, granddaughter of Vid. Jayalakshmi, is a child prodigy, having been on the concert circuit since her 9th year. Mridangist Vid. P.S. Sridhar is an established artiste having accompanied many seniors in concerts all over Karnataka.

The second concert for the day will be a combined performance of **Vid. G. Ravikiran** on flute and **Vid. Hemmige Prashanth** on vocal. These artistes will be accompanied by **Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar** on violin, **Vid. A. Radhesh** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamith Gowda** on ghata.

All these are established artistes having been on the concert circuit for some years. This concert is scheduled for two hours between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm.

Both the concerts are open to all the music lovers.

Sri Vasudevacharya's house is situated near Basaveshwara circle on New Sayyaji Rao Road in Agrahara. Sri Acharya, acknowledged as the foremost composer of the 20th century in Karnatak music, lived in this house for about over two decades since 1932 and served the cause of music, hosting many musicians from across the country and teaching numerous youngsters. The house is now a structure listed among the heritage structures in the city.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 29)

- **Kadambi Padma Memorial Trust and Parampare:** Discourse on DVG's *Mankuthimmana Kagga* by G.S. Natesh, Shivamogga, Devaranama by Roopashree Anand, tabla accompaniment by Sujayindra Rao, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Veena Duet by Vid. R.S. Jayalakshmi and Vidu. Charulatha Chandrashekar, accompanied by Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravanamasa Rituals and 'Samskrutha Darshana' Discourse Programme, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion; Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham inaugurates, M.M. Hills Salur Mutt Junior Pontiff Sri Shantamallikarjuna Swamiji presides, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta chief guest, mass prayers, **6 pm;** Discourse by Dr. K. Anantha Ramu speaks on Indian Culture, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7 pm.**
- **The Cosmopolitan Club, Mysuru:** Inauguration of renovated guest rooms of the Club by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, The Cosmopolitan Club, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Avenue, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Guru Purnima, Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, special programmes, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 30)

- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Guru Purnima, Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Sri Chakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, **7.30 am;** Discourse on Yoga Vashishta, **8 am;** Special programmes, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2486486]
- **Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, Mysuru:** Special programme on 'Nottu swaras of Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar,' to be sung in groups by about 70 students of 'Surabhi,' direction by Vidu. Meera Manjunath, senior disciple of Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar; Vidu. Raajalakshmi Shridhar (retd. Programme Executive, AIR, Mysuru) guest of honour, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
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- **Shrutimanjari Pratishtana and Rotary West, Mysuru:** Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Memorial Day, Rotary West President Rtn. Ullas Pandit inaugurates, Karnatak Classical Vocal Duet by Kanchana Sisters — Vidu. Kanchana S. Shriranjani and Vidu. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani — accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin and Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga, Rotary West Hall, opposite Kamakshi Hospital, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94496-22466]
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of B. Suresh's play 'Aduge Maneyallondu Huli,' directed by Megha Sameer, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 94804-68327 or 98455-95505]
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- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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Ek Villain Returns (H)	:	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 06:55 pm
Ramarao On Duty (Te)	:	1.15 pm, 4.00 pm, 06:45 pm
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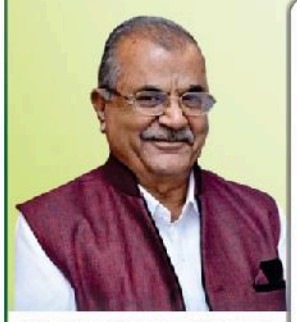

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